

REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted preliminary to the issuance of an Office Action in the present application and in response to the Official Action of April 15, 2009.

Claims 1-9, 15-17, 20-23 are pending in the application. Claims 1 and 23 have been amended. No claims have been canceled or added. No amendment to the specification has been made. No fee is due.

Claims 1-7, 15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being unpatentable over U.S. Pat. No. 5,889,342 to Hasebe et al. and apanese Publ. No. JP 2002-125352 to Otsuka et al., further in view of U.S. Pat. No. 5,925,960 to Hayes.

Claims 21, 23 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being unpatentable over Hasebe et al. in view of Otsuka et al., and further in view of U.S. Pat. No. 6,300,693 to Poag et al.

Claim 8 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being unpatentable over Hasebe et al. in view of Otsuka et al., and further in view of U.S. Pat. No. 5,825,110 to Page.

Claims 9, 16, 17, 20, 22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being unpatentable over Hasebe et al. in view of Otsuka et al., and further in view of U.S. Pat. No. 4,369,386 to Lurie et al.

Record is also made of an interview between applicant's representative and the Examiner which took place on June 23, 2009. The Examiner is thanked for his help and assistance as well as for the courtesies extended to Counsel at that time. During the course of the interview, the present application was extensively discussed, and as a result, applicant now submits this amendment to place the application in formal condition for allowance. More specifically, claims 1 and 23 have been amended to more clearly set forth the flow of coolant through the laminated core by making it clear that coolant enters the rotor device on one side of the laminated core via a bore assembly of one rotor pressure ring and exits the rotor device on the other side of the laminated core through a coolant leadthrough (of the other rotor pressure ring), while coolant entering the rotor device on the other side of the laminated core

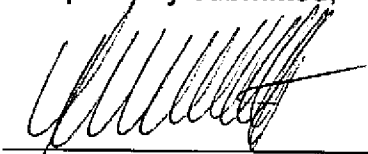
via a bore assembly (of the other rotor pressure ring) exits the rotor device on the one side of the laminated core through a coolant leadthrough of the one rotor pressure ring. In other words, each rotor pressure ring is configured to allow a coolant flow to enter and flow through the laminate core as well as to allow another coolant flow, flowing in opposite direction, to exit the rotor device. Support therefore can be found in paragraphs [0009], [0035] and [0038] of the instant specification and Fig. 4. The reference to a "first and "second pluralities" of axial bores has been deleted, because the contradirectional cooling may be realized by single bores as well and not necessarily requires the presence of groups of bores. Reference is made in particular to paragraph [0038] of the instant specification.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is considered patentably differentiated over the prior art of record and believed to be in immediate conditions for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance of the present application are thus respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner consider necessary or desirable any formal changes anywhere in the specification, claims and/or drawing, then it is respectfully requested that such changes be made by Examiner's Amendment, if the Examiner feels this would facilitate passage of the case to issuance. If the Examiner feels that it might be helpful in advancing this case by calling the undersigned, applicant would greatly appreciate such a telephone interview.

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